

TOLEDO AMUSEMENTS.

Reserved Theatre Tickets.

By special arrangement seats ordered by telephone over the Bell Co.'s line, will be held for Perryburg patrons until 2 p. m. for matinees, and 8 p. m. for evening performances, at either Burt's or Lyceum theatres.

Edgar Selden's Big Musical Gaiety the latest comedy hit of the season, will hold the boards at the Lyceum, Toledo, all next week commencing Sunday evening. Mr. Edgar Selden is the author of many musical and comedy successes. The curtain rises on the first act, showing an out-door scene the grounds of the Hotel Monaco Hotel, Paris, with pretty girls dancing on the lawn. As the act progresses, Peck, his mother-in-law and wife make their appearance in an automobile. This is where Peck's trouble starts, for he discovers he has married a female Bluebeard.

The new detective play, The Counterfeiter, has had success written all over it, for since its initial production last September it has played to a succession of crowded houses all along the line. The plot is written around the efforts of the United States Secret Service to break up a gang of counterfeiters. The attraction comes to Burt's theatre, Toledo, on Feb. 27 and 28.

"Winchester" the latest of war dramas, comes to Burt's theatre, Toledo, next Sunday afternoon. It was written by Edward McWade, and it deals with the late unpleasantness between the North and South. "Winchester" contains many strong dramatic situations which are well introduced and at times the audience is worked up to the highest pitch of excitement.

Managers Cook and Green of the Arcade theatre have made it a point to give their patrons only the best acts obtainable and they have succeeded in bringing a number of the foreign novelties to Toledo. The "big" feature of next week's programme is Capt. Webb and his famous seals and sea lions. Another big feature of the bill will be the Four Roberts in a sketch entitled "The Doll Maker's Dilemma." The Four Roberts are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Roberts, Miss Lenora Roberts and Miss Pearl, who is 13 years old, and a particularly bright little comedienne, singer and dancer.

There are six other large star acts on the programme that are all top-notchers.

OLDEST MAN LIVING.

Was Born 157 Years Ago and Is Lively Still.

Has Documentary Evidence to Prove His Remarkable Statements—His Three Rules of Living Are Simple.

Undoubtedly the oldest man in the world, and probably the oldest human being, is Manuel del Valle, of Menlo Park, Cal. He has reached the age of 157 years.

According to the New York World he has legal proof of his age. In many cases of persons living beyond the hundred mark who have attracted public attention there has been grave doubt as to the year of their birth. Belief in their age is based upon their own stories or on hearsay.

Manuel del Valle's proof is documentary. He has in his possession the certificate of his birth, signed by the jefe politico, or chief magistrate of Zacatecas, Mexico. The certificate, which shows that del Valle was born in Zacatecas on November 24, 1745, is supplemented by the records of the Mexican customs service, in which he served for many years.

Were it not for these indisputable proofs it would be hard to believe that a human being could have reached the age of 157.

At the time del Valle was born George Washington was only 13 years old. This living man was ten years old when the French and Indian war began.

He was a grown man of 20 when the battle of Bunker Hill was fought. He was already an old man when Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo, being then 65 years old.

Del Valle was 101 years old at the beginning of the Mexican war.

He retired from active business 19 years before that, having then reached the age of 88.

He was 20 years a customs official at Ensenada, Lower California. From 1814 to 1845 he acted as supernumerary in the Franciscan mission at San Quentin, Lower California, the first



MANUEL DEL VALLE, AGED 157.

mission building to be established on the Pacific coast, and which is now in ruins.

In 1845, when he was just 100 years old, del Valle came with relatives to what is now San Francisco in a vessel that sailed around Cape Horn. He has lived in Menlo Park since then and has occupied the same room, his great-grandnephew, Jose del Valle, looking after the truck farm that supports the family.

Manuel del Valle looks his great age. He is a little, dried-up, frail man, scarcely five feet tall and weighing not more than 90 pounds. He is still able to walk without assistance and takes a daily stroll about his house. He has not been more than two blocks away from it in 30 years. He can see but little, but he hears fairly well.

He speaks English brokenly, but understands it well. He never was much interested in the big events of the world. He says he has never used liquor nor tobacco. Furthermore he declares that he never has wet his feet nor been out in a frost, apparently holding these things to be equally abominable. He never eats solid food, his only nourishment being bean broth, and all day long he sits in the sunshine in front of his adobe home.

He has his own rules for the attainment of great age, and they are simple ones. They are: Pray regularly to God. Attend mass when you are able. Sit in the sun.

The Odor of Sanctity.

The sexton of an Episcopal church in Boston has many stories to tell of the remarks and comments made by visitors. One Christmas, when the church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and firs, an old lady walked up the aisle to the chancel and stood sniffing the air after everyone else had left the church. "Don't it smell solemn?" she said at last to the sexton, as she turned away with evident reluctance. "I don't know is I ever realized just what the 'odor of sanctity' meant before to-day. We don't have any such trimmings in the church I attend up in the country."

Case of Lateral Obedience.

An English country vicar discovered not long ago that one of his male servants in the habit of stealing his potatoes. He mentioned the fact to his curate, and asked advice. "Well," replied the curate, "of course, you must remember what the Bible says: 'If any man take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak, also.'" "I see," mused the vicar. "Well, in this case, as the man takes my potatoes, I'd better give him the sack!"

A California philosopher thinks he has found a way to abolish cowardice. It is beautifully simple. Here is the formula:

It is: "(1) Say to yourself: 'I'm not afraid.' (2) Repeat it five times. (3) Take five full breaths very slowly." What a world of possibilities there are in this brief formula! How great the practical benefit it will confer on mankind! Here comes a mad bull down the street, says the New York Post, by way of illustration. He sees your red necktie and makes for it. Run away? No, no. "I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid. Inhale. Exhale. Inhale. Exhale," etc. It puts you in an excellently courageous frame of mind, doubtless, but how about the bull? Does the new courage which glows from your eye frighten him so that he turns tail and retreats? Or does it render you immune from hurt by his horns? You must be a pretty brave man, to begin with, or you would not have the nerve to go through the incantation while the big animal rushes at you with intent to do great bodily harm. Then consider the use of the new discovery in warfare. It will doubtless become a part of the regular tactics of every army. The enemy comes over the hill. "Order arms. Parade rest. Get courage. One. Two. Three. Four. Five. In. Out. In. Out," etc. The army, of course, responds to the numbers with "I'm not afraid," in chorus. If nothing else, it makes an excellent shout of defiance to the enemy, almost as effective as the gongs and tom-toms beaten by the vanguard of the Chinese army.

Estates in Europe are lying about loose, wanting the rightful heirs to come and claim them.

Concerning "For- come and claim them, to judge by the circulars that periodically are scattered about the country. The plan of this swindle is that of writing to a distant man (or woman) and telling him (or her) that some relative or person of the same name has recently died, leaving considerable property, and that the operator has strong reason to believe that the person addressed is entitled to quite a slice of the estate and the five dollars, or ten dollars, or twenty dollars will pay the said operator, who claims, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, to be an "attorney at law," for looking up the matter. These swindlers catch a good many dollars, for the dodge is a shrewd one, and many quite sensible people are caught by it. The million people, more or less, who are looking for fortune from some deceased relative in Europe, and spending their money in advertisements and agencies, would be far more likely of success in life if they eschewed these hopes and followed their honest callings. We have heard a great deal about expected fortunes from wealthy deceased relatives abroad, but cannot recall a single instance where anything substantial was ever received. Estates don't go begging in Europe. There is some one on the spot taking care of any apparently stray one. Proving distant relationship is sometimes a difficult task. Soldiers who bear the marks of wounds often have trouble to prove disability in their efforts to get pensions.

Texas is such a big state, with such a various climate, that almost anything from a coconut to cabbage can be grown within its borders. Along the gulf coast experiments are being made with many plants and trees indigenous to the tropics. Secretary Wilson believed that tea could be grown there as well as in China, and recent experiments have proved his ideas correct. Figs are also grown successfully along the coast, and in some places the culture of silk worms is shown to be profitable. Texas can also raise any kind of live stock and produce as good ones as any state in the union.

With a production of 16,329,895 barrels of flour in the year just closed, Minneapolis passed every previous record, the output running 407,995 barrels in excess of the product of 1901, which held the record. To make this quantity of flour, the Minneapolis mills consumed each day an average of 190,000 bushels of wheat and for the year consumed a total of 70,400,000 bushels.

Senator E. B. Hawkins, of Minnesota, has offered a bill in the legislature of that state declaring the dropping of bogus nickels into slot machines a swindle and punishing the offender under the law applying to larceny.

The sultan of Jolo is dead. He was a kind and indulgent husband; at least he indulged in as many wives as he could afford.

A biography of Andrew Carnegie will be published, and if it is accurate it will look like a report of the treasury department.

There isn't half enough thankfulness for the griefs of yesteryear that haunt us no more. Ping-pong has gone.

The average family in the United States has 4.7 persons.

"Resolved, by this council: First, that we build a new jail; second, that the new jail be built out of the materials of the old jail; third, that the old jail be used until the new jail is finished." This is one of the traditional examples of "freak" legislation. Yet in Salt Lake City those three resolutions are coming as near to realization as will ever be physically possible anywhere. The jail in the Utah city is just 36 years old, it has none of the modern improvements, and is dingy, weather-beaten and unhealthy. The newspapers call it "disreputable," though they fail to state just what a reputable jail is. There is to be a new jail, a model in every particular, and it is to be put up on the site and constructed partly of the materials of the old jail, thus fulfilling the second of the historic resolutions. The old jail, furthermore, will be the only jail used until the new one is finished. In other words, there will be no jail. One naturally asks what will become of the prisoners. The only remarkable feature of this remarkable arrangement is that nearly all of them are being released because there is no place to put them. The mayor pardoned 16 in one day, for no reason except that the jail might be cleared. "We want to have everything in readiness," the chief of police is quoted as saying. "We can now have the jail cleared in 20 minutes since the 16 were pardoned. We are having them pardoned early, so the contractors can't plead that the jail was not ready for them to begin work, in the event they do not live up to their contract and complete the jail in six months." That is a business-like administration. When a bit of construction work is to be done in a hurry, penology takes a back seat. There are few criminals, it should be said, too desperate to be allowed at large even for the convenience of the builders, and they will be kept in the police station.

An agreeable bit of interstate comity is recorded in the proceedings of the Minnesota legislature. In the Mississippi river, near the Minnesota side, there is an island called Baron island. Directly opposite this island, on the eastern bank of the river, lies the city of La Crosse, the fourth city of Wisconsin. The island contained 200 acres, and the public-spirited man who owned it conceived the idea of making a public park there for the use of the poor people of La Crosse. The difficulty was that the city could not take the park, as it was under the jurisdiction of another state. Then there was introduced in the legislature at St. Paul a bill ceding the above-mentioned island to Wisconsin. "You need it more than we do," seems to be the generous spirit in which the gift is proposed. "Take the 200 acres—we have plenty more."

According to the opinion of many officers in the United States navy Americans need not go into spasms at the possibility of our ships having to fight those of Germany. An officer in the Brooklyn navy yard has this to say: "The German navy looks great on paper, but it is not as formidable as is generally supposed. Leaving aside any question as to the torpedo-boat fleet, I have found on examination that nearly 65 per cent. of the cruisers, battleships and other large vessels of the imperial navy are unable to go more than 600 miles from home because of the inability to carry sufficient steaming coal. This is not imagination. It is an epitome of official figures."

The volume of business being handled by the railroads at present is so enormous that in spite of the best efforts of the road crews it is impossible to prevent a blockade. The tremendous increase in traffic can be better understood when one considers that the eight leading roads during the past week at Chicago have handled 135,000 cars in excess of the number handled a year ago.

The United States produces more honey than any other nation. As long as 30 years ago the product was 15,000,000 pounds annually. Twenty years ago it had risen to 25,000,000 pounds, and ten years ago it was 65,000,000 pounds. At the present time Iowa produces 9,000,000 pounds annually, and many states, including California, produce from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 pounds a year.

To economize time in memorizing a poem, it should be read as a whole; that is, entirely through each time. Tests made in psychological laboratories show that to memorize one verse at a time takes one-fourth longer. It would be interesting, and doubtless profitable, to make similar tests in the schoolroom.

Donations and bequests to charitable, educational and religious institutions in the United States in 1902 were \$77,397,000, as compared with \$123,888,000 in 1901 and \$62,461,000 in 1900.

Ten-elevenths of the world's people are north of the equator.

A Long Island City (N. Y.) burglar recently looted a house of all he could carry and then went back for a pale blue sofa pillow that he was quite sure would please his wife. This was very thoughtful on the part of the burglar, but it proved his undoing. He was captured and will be sent where sofa pillows, pale blue or otherwise, are unknown. The incident is referred to as showing the danger of exercising aesthetic taste and marital devotion in the successful practice of the burglary profession.

If the coal carrying companies, which are also coal producers, are sincere in their expressed desire to relieve the fuel famine in the centers of population, why do they not give their own coal the right of way over that of the independent producers?

An Indiana judge who accepted pay from his appointees to help defray his campaign expenses has been "persuaded" by the county bar to resign. Like Caesar's wife, judges should be above suspicion.

The irrigationists might arrange for some of the water the statesmen propose to squeeze out of the trusts.

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